



IFLA MANAGEMENT OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS SECTION

3rd Meeting of the
Management of Library Associations Standing Committee

1st Session - Sunday August 22 (2:30-5:20 pm) and
2nd Session Saturday, August 28, (2:30-5:20 pm)
Hilton Hotel and Convention Center
Buenos Aires, Argentina
2004

Minutes

1. Welcome

Chair Christina Stenberg called the meeting to order and welcomed those present to the 3rd Management of Library Associations Section Standing Committee (MLAS SC) meeting. She announced the 2nd session on Saturday, August 28, 2004. (Note: These minutes are a record of both sessions.)

Ms. Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho from the Latin America and the Carribean Regional Section welcomed the MLAS SC to Latin America, wishing us a good meeting and an enjoyable time in this part of the world.

Executive Committee members present were:

- * Edita Bacic (Croatian Library Assoc.)
- Gerard Briand (Association des Bibliothecaries Francais)
- Arlene Cohen (Pacific Islands Assoc. of Libraries and Archives, Guam), Secretary
- * Keith Michael Fiels (American Library Assoc.)
- Carla J. Funk (Medical Library Assoc., USA)
- * Britt Marie Häggström (DIK Association)
- Boris Marshak (ELNIT Assoc.)
- * Jill Martin (CILIP: The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals)
- * Jennefer Nicholson (Australian Library and Information Assoc.), IFLA Info. Coord.
- * Alicia Ocaso (Uruguayan Library Assoc.)

* Jan-Ewout van der Putten (Netherlands Public Library Assoc.)
Tuula Ruhanen (Finnish Research Library Assoc.)
Henriette Seydou (Association Nigérienne des Bibliothécaires de la Lecture Publique)
* Sinikka Sipilä (Finnish Library Assoc.)
* Christina Stenberg (Swedish Library Association), Chair
* Sabine Stummeyer (Berufsverband Information Bibliothek e.V.)
* Winnie Vitzansky (The Danish Library Assoc.)
Duane Webster (Assoc. of Research Libraries, USA),

* indicates attendance at both sessions.

At the 1st session, there were 23 observers present representing library associations in 16 countries. The 2nd session had 8 observers representing library associations in 4 countries.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair asked that Item 12 (National Association Membership Fees Working Group report) be discussed after Item 7 (MLAS Chair 's report from GB). The Chair also asked that under Item 5 (Election of MLAS interim Chairperson) we address the issue of people elected to serve on the MLAS SC who leave their library association affiliation before their MLAS SC term has ended, and to add planning for the IFLA Conference in Oslo before Item 17 (MLAS Mid-year meeting in Canberra). The MLAS SC agreed.

Jennefer Nicholson proposed that we take Item 8.b (IFLANET MLAS WWW site status report) and Item 10 (Reports on MLAS Publications) together. The MLAS SC agreed. Winnie Vitzansky proposed we invite Andrew Cranfield and Stuart Hamilton, conveners of the New Professionals Discussion Group to meet with the MLAS SC under Item 15 (Status report on New Professionals Discussion Group). The MLAS SC agreed.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies for their absence were received from Norma Amenu-Kpodo (Commonwealth Library Association), Andrea Paoli (Association of Italian Libraries) and Gwenda Thomas (Library and Information Association of South Africa).

The Chair again thanked Andrea Paoli for the excellent job he and his association did in hosting the MLAS Mid-year meeting last February and asked that Marco Cupellaro, the new Italian Library Association Secretary General carry back our thanks.

4. Approval of *Minutes* from the 2nd MLAS Standing Committee meeting, February 19-21, 2004, Rome, Italy.

Winnie Vitzansky moved to amend the *Minutes* in Item 11, the 5th paragraph, first line, by changing recommends to resolved, so the sentence reads " After looking at the rates shown above ... the MLAS unanimously resolves that the Fees Working Group and the IFLA Governing Board further" The minutes were approved as amended.

5. Election of MLAS Chairperson for one year term, to begin at end of this meeting 's 2nd session and replacement of MLAS SC members who resign.

MLAS SC Chair Christina Stenberg announced she is resigning as the Swedish Library Association Executive Director and also as both the MLAS SC Chair and as a member. She told the group she will miss her involvement in the Section 's international work and is confident that the work will be carried on.

IFLA Headquarters reported that we can have an Interim Chair to fill the position until the normal elections are held at the MLAS SC meeting in Oslo, August 2005. The Chair asked for nominations. Duane Webster nominated Keith Fiels. Winnie Vitzansky seconded the nomination. No other nominations were offered and Keith Fiels was elected by acclamation. Gerard Briand (Association des Bibliothecaries Français) is retiring and also resigning from the MLAS SC. Andre Paoli also is no longer the Italian Library Association Secretary General, but he has not informed the MLAS SC that he plans to resign. This leaves 2 definite vacancies on the MLAS SC. In the last MLAS SC elections, the candidates coming in at the 20th and 21st positions received the same amount of votes. According to IFLA By-laws, when this occurs, both people are seated and consequently, the MLAS SC began with 21 members. At this time with both resignations, there will only be one vacancy, which can be filled by the person with the next highest votes from the last election. The Chair will contact Andre Paoli regarding his plans and will work with IFLA HQ to fill the known vacancy.

The Chair also noted that although 2005 is an IFLA election year, the MLAS SC will not be holding any elections. Our entire Standing Committee was elected in 2003 for a four-year term. Of those elected, one-half were new members to the MLAS SC and only these new MLAS SC members may run for reelection in 2007. Those elected that were originally on the Round Table for the Management of Library Associations Executive Committee cannot run again as their 2003-2007 term is considered their second term.

6. Financial Report

Treasurer Carla Funk distributed a Financial Report indicating the IFLA MLAS has a balance of 6,247.22 EUR (USD \$7,627.85) as of June 30, 2004, in an interest bearing account at the Harris Bank, Chicago, Illinois. From January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, the account has earned 103.94 EUR (USD \$129.59) in interest. Since the last report in February 2004, 269.90 EUR (USD \$300.00) was disbursed for Alicia Ocaso 's registration for the IFLA 2004 Conference. This amount will be reimbursed by the Dutch Library Association. A pending disbursement of approximately 915.00 EUR will be sent to the New Professionals Discussion Group for meeting expenses.

In January 2003, the treasurer was notified by IFLA Headquarters that our Section would receive about USD \$393.00 in administrative funds sometime in the next few months. The Treasurer was later notified by Josche Neven at IFLA Headquarters on April 13, 2004 that this was an error. The MLAS will not receive any administrative funds from IFLA because we have a positive balance in our account.

7. MLAS SC Chair ' s Report from the Governing Board (GB)

The Chair reported she served on the GB this past year. The GB felt the need for a person with library association knowledge to provide the GB with expertise in their addressing of issues affecting library associations, including the restructuring of the fee structure. To meet this need, Christina Stenberg, in her capacity as the MLAS Chair, was asked to serve. The GB will address continuing this seat for the coming year at their last meeting in Buenos Aires and Christina Stenberg will strongly advocate that this representation continue. If it continues, then Keith Fiels, in his capacity as the new Interim MLAS Chair, will serve on the GB.

Following a recommendation by the Professional Committee (PC), the Governing Board decided to review all sections by 2007. They are piloting the review process with a few sections this year. In December 2005, the review process for all sections will begin and we were asked to begin preparing for it.

The GB discussed IFLA ' s budget, 80 % of which comes from membership dues. The GB and the new IFLA Secretary General are promoting the new Global Library Association Development (GLAD) program, of which the MLAS is an integral part, as an important tool in building IFLA membership. The GLAD program was introduced in the " Supporting documentation for ballot " of the April 2004 Postal Ballot relating to revisions to the Association Membership category. Also included in the document was the commitment that " The IFLA Governing Board will act on the MLAS request to put into place a plan for moving the financing of Core activities from external sources to IFLA ' s budget starting with the Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE). "

a. National Association Membership Fees Working Group Report

The Postal Ballot for revisions to the Association Membership category was sent out in April 2004, with significant input from the MLAS members of the Working Group. Of the ballots received back, 93 % voted to revise the provisions for Association membership of IFLA, which included a new fee structure, and 92.8 % voted for the proposed new article, A7.2.3 Other Association Members: Associations of librarians and information professionals whose purposes are in accordance with those of the Federation whose geographical remit is less than that of an independent state (for example, provincial or state associations) may be admitted as Association members in this category.@ Ratification of the proposed new article required final approval by a 2/3 majority of the voting members present at the IFLA Buenos Aires Council meeting, which was achieved. The vote was 187 in favor, 0 against and 8 abstentions.

b. GLAD program status report.

As part of this fee restructuring proposal, the idea of the GLAD program was proposed to encourage participation in IFLA by library associations in developing areas and/or those with budgets under 10,000 EUR; and to strengthen them, as well. The GLAD program is proposed to consist of partnerships between participating and sponsoring national library

associations and IFLA, and to be implemented and managed by the MLAS, with the support of IFLA Headquarters.

To begin implementing the GLAD proposal, several interested people attending the 1st MLAS SC meeting agreed to meet during this IFLA Conference and begin working on a GLAD implementation proposal. The meeting was held on Wednesday, August 25 and chaired by MLAS Secretary Arlene Cohen. After fruitful discussions, a special committee was formed to write a draft proposal. The special committee, chaired by Sylvia Piggot (Canada) includes Michael Dowling (USA), Keith Fiels (USA), Janice Lachance (USA), Jill Martin (UK), Kelly Moore (IFLA), and Elisabeth Watson (Barbados). A copy of the draft was distributed at the 2nd MLAS SC and the MLAS Chair will bring it to the GB meeting in Buenos Aires. It will also be sent out for review to the entire MLAS SC and then to the MLAS Listserve members. A reworked draft will be presented at the MLAS EC Mid-year meeting Canberra in February 2005 for further work and then sent on to GB for their March 2005 meeting.

8. Special Libraries Association MLAS Listserv status report.

Arlene Cohen reported that there are currently 207 active members on the MLAS Listserve. There are also 86 names that were unsubscribed and several E-mail addresses that produced bounced messages.

9. *MLAS Annual Report and Strategic Plan*

Jennefer Nicholson reported that the committee established to update the Strategic Plan has produced a draft document. The committee decided that much of the content is closely interrelated and much of the work in the area of advocacy has to be done in cooperation with FAIFE and CLM. As FAIFE and CLM are really at the heart of advocacy programs that the GB is promoting, and national associations are the platform to work from, good communication channels between all the players need to be established to achieve our goals. Moreover, it is important that FAIFE and CLM members have experience working with associations and know how to act effectively with them, and the MLAS can provide that kind of knowledge.

10. Information Coordinator 's report and report on MLAS publications

- a. MLAS membership brochure and status of translations of *Guidelines* brochures and other key IFLA documents including the *MLAS Strategic Plan, 2003-2005* and creation of an *MLAS Toolkit*

Information Coordinator Jennefer Nicholson reported that the MLAS membership brochure, as well as the *Guidelines* brochures needed to be translated again into Spanish for the IFLA Buenos Aires conference. The first translation was not done well in that some concepts were lost in translation. They were translated again and a Spanish *MLAS Toolkit* was created and distributed at the Open Session, as well as handouts in other languages. All the *Toolkits* and other printed handouts were gone by the end of the Open Session.

She also noted that an official IFLA dictionary of terms and definitions would be very helpful to translators. Christina Stenberg will take this suggestion to the GB meeting and thanked Jennefer for a wonderful job in producing the handouts.

b. MLAS Newsletter and IFLANET MLAS WWW site

Jennefer intends to publish an MLAS Newsletter in October/November with a farewell message from Christina Stenberg and a welcome to Keith Fiels. She will also include the major library association events. She noted that the Library conference planner of Douglas Hasty <http://www.fiu.edu/~hastyd/lcp.html> is very helpful and may address our proposed project of listing regional association meetings on our MLAS www site.

Jennefer also plans to put photographs on our IFLANET MLAS www site.

11. Report on IFLA 2004 Buenos Aires program

The MLAS Open Session no. 146, "Global Advocacy for Libraries - the Role of IFLA and the National Library Associations," was held on Thursday, August 26 and drew 125 people. The session began with the paper "Promoting Libraries for Politicians as a Politician," by Mirja Ryyänen from Finland. Winnie Vitzansky then presented "An Example of Global Lobbying for Libraries: World Summit on the Information Society in Geneva 2003." Kay Raseroka, IFLA President then spoke on the role of IFLA in the host country of Switzerland and was followed by Danielle Mincio from the Swiss Library Association. The role of national library associations was then addressed by Alicia Ocaso from the Uruguayan Library Association and Pensri Guaysuwan from the Thai Library Association. The two last speakers, Winnie Vitzansky from the Danish Library Association and Sinikka Sipilä were unable to present their papers due to the lack of time. They will submit their papers to be posted on the IFLANET on the IFLA 2004 Buenos Aires Conference site.

There was a discussion about our first speaker, Mirja Ryyänen's misunderstanding of the fact that she was supposed to speak both in our Open session and in the Closing ceremony of the conference. Due to this misunderstanding, she used more time than originally allotted in our Session. Several SC members felt that if an important public figure such as Mirja Ryyänen, a member of the European Parliament, is invited to an IFLA Conference, their attendance should be widely announced both at the conference and in outside publicity. Christina Stenberg was asked to bring this up at the GB meeting in Buenos Aires."

12. Report on IFLA 2005 Oslo Program planning

The MLAS SC agreed that the GLAD project must be on the IFLA MLAS 2005 Oslo Conference program. Keith Fiels, as new MLAS Chair will write a proposal for our program. It was noted that the draft proposed title and names of possible speakers is due at IFLA Headquarters by November 15, 2004.

Jan-Ewout van der Putten suggested we use the IFLA 2005 Oslo Conference to reach out to Middle and East European countries as we did in Buenos Aires for the Latin American countries.

The MLAS SC agreed that since the work of FAIFE and CLM are so interwoven with the MLAS, it is important that in planning the IFLA 2005 Oslo conference, the activities of each group should not overlap during the conference.

13. MLAS guidelines for participation in local and regional conferences

The Chair posed the quandry about spending MLAS funds for MLAS SC members to attend conferences representing the section, or depending on just those members that can provide the money from their own association coffers to be MLAS SC representatives. Jan-Ewout van der Putten felt this item is closely related to the developing GLAD program and should be discussed in the context of GLAD at the next MLAS mid-year meeting. Britt Marie Häggström asked that members who represent MLAS at conferences report back to the MLAS SC.

14. Status report on World Summit on the Information Society

Sinikka Sipilä announced that IFLA has procured the services of Tuula Haavisto, a former member of this Section, as their professional lobbyist in WSIS. She went on further to note that IFLA is taking the preparations of the conference in Tunis very seriously.

15. Status report on the New Professionals Discussion Group and MLAS supporting role

Andrew Cranfield and Stuart Hamilton, conveners of this group, reported that their session on Tuesday, August 24 was a great success. After an introduction by Kay Raseroka, Bob McKee from CILIP in London presented a short paper designed to start the discussion. The group of fifty people from many different countries then brain stormed freely, as the conveners had hoped. From the discussions, it was clear that the way IFLA conferences are now organized does not appeal to these young professionals. The general feeling was there was too much red tape, too many groups, very formal programs and the activities were not very innovative. They went on to report that the young professionals plan to use other means beside the IFLA conferences as their meeting ground. Most felt the conferences were too expensive and travel is not always possible. The conveners said they plan to keep in contact through a website and with E-mail. The enthusiasm of the group was strong and the conveners will issue a press release and other promotional materials.

The Chair thanked them for their work and congratulated them on the success they achieved. Sabine Stummeyer will continue as their contact with MLAS and they were encouraged to work with the MLAS who are committed to supporting them.

16. Status report on MLAS supported discussion group for Presidents of library associations

The Chair announced that the GB is pressing this issue. There is currently a two-hour slot used at the conference for a meeting between the IFLA President, IFLA HQ and the Associations. It

was suggested that this might be the venue for presidents of library associations to meet and the MLAS could volunteer to supplement the agenda of those meetings with topics of interest to them.

17. MLAS Mid-year meeting in Canberra, Australia, February 3-5, 2005

Jennefer Nicholson announced that the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) headquarters will be the venue of the MLAS SC Mid-year meeting. She passed out some information about Canberra and promised an AOzzi Survival Kit@ on arrival. Alex Byrne plans to meet with us and Jennefer will invite Australian CLM, FAIFE and GB members, as well. She is also looking at planning a meeting with local associations from the region on Saturday, February 5, 2005 and noted that ALIA 's Information Online 2005 Conference will be on February 1-3 in Sydney, just before the MLAS Mid-year meeting.

18. Other business, reports and announcements

Ludmila F. Kozlova, Secretary of the Section on Library and Information Science Journals asked the MLAS Chair to invite our members to join the LISJ Listserve. There are many library associations that publish journals, newsletters and bulletins for whom the activities of the LISJ Section might be of interest. For more information, contact Ludmila F. Kozlova at <lkozlova@rsl.ru> or go to their WWW site at <http://ifla.org/VII/s45/slisj.htm>

19. Adjournment

Chair Christina Stenberg concluded her last meeting with thanks and appreciation to all for everything the MLAS has accomplished during her term. She will miss us and we will miss her as well.

Arlene Cohen, MLAS SC Secretary with the kind help of Jan-Ewout van der Putten of the MLAS SC.